

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 757 without my signature. The intent of this bill is laudable, however, it is duplicative of ongoing efforts, costly, and may impede the significant progress California is making to address alternative transportation fuels. I strongly agree with this goal and have taken many actions over the past year toward achieving this end, including issuing an Executive Order promoting biofuels, S-06-06 and signing Assembly Bills 1007 and 32.

AB 1007 requires the California Energy Commission and the Air Resources Board to assess the relative environmental and public health benefits of different alternative fuel types and to develop and adopt a detailed state plan to increase the use of alternative transportation fuels. That detailed report will be out early next year and will provide a roadmap for alternative fuels in California. From that roadmap an integrated and comprehensive set of actions can be taken. Any legislative actions taken by the state prior the release of the AB 1007 would be premature.

Additionally, the process established in Assembly Bill 32 will guide the state's implementation of alternative fuels that help reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. We must not second guess the process established in AB 32 with bills that address the same issues. Now that AB 32 is enacted, we must let it work.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger